

Inter-Ministerial Coordination Group (IMCG)

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In news—The first meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Group (IMCG) at Secretary level was convened by Foreign Secretary Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla recently.

About IMCG-

- The IMCG is set up as a **high-level mechanism towards mainstreaming of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.**
- **It involves secretaries of about 10 ministries** as well as senior officials from the **Cabinet Secretariat and National Security Council Secretariat** as well as other relevant agencies along with heads of Border Guarding Forces.
- **The recent meeting** deliberated upon and took important **decisions on various aspects of India's bilateral relationship** with Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the areas of trade and investment, connectivity, border infrastructure, immigration, development cooperation, border security, etc.
- **The IMCG is supported by Inter-Ministerial Joint Task Forces (JTF)** convened by the concerned Joint Secretaries in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The IMCG has provided a comprehensive direction with a whole-of-government approach to promote better connectivity, stronger interlinkages and greater people-to-people connect with our neighbours.